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PRESENTS

Monday May 31st 1976 7.45pm

EMBASSY
INTERNATIONALE

EMBASSY SPORTSWORLD



Mr. Ted Hudson, W. D. & H. O. Wills Sales Manager, London Division.

THE EMBASSY INTERNATIONALE is a unique speedway occasion, and has a reputation for producing a dramatic and exciting contest. The involvement of W. D. & H. O. Wills in speedway goes back to 1961, and this event is the longest established event in the Embassy calendar of sponsored events.

During the current year, 18 different sports will benefit through Embassy sponsorship, covering some 125 days of top class sport.

The All England Jumping Course at Hickstead, which is solely supported by Wills, stages 16 days of exciting showjumping, and at Easter was host to the world's top horses and riders for the Nations Cup competition.

The Embassy Premier Chase is the best National Hunt Series in horse racing. With nine qualifying races throughout Britain, and the Final at Haydock Park in January. This race has been won in the past by such stars as L'Escargot and Colebridge.

The two top powerboat races in Europe carry the Embassy name. The Embassy Grand Prix in Bristol Docks on June 5 and 6 will feature the best drivers in the world, and will be watched by around 250,000 people. In offshore powerboating, the classic Embassy/Daily Express Cowes-Torquay-Cowes Race is the "big one" in the sport. Last year's dramatic winner, Uno-Embassy, will once again be in the field when the gun goes off on August 29.

Although, due to the tragic death of Graham Hill, the Embassy name will not be running in Formula 1 motor racing this year, April 11 saw Embassy sponsorship for the Graham Hill International Trophy race at Silverstone as a tribute to the great driver.

A new sponsorship this year was the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championships, held in Manchester and Middlesbrough last month. There was also Embassy support for men's and ladies' open championships plus the Embassy Invitation Tournament.

Around 25,000 anglers will participate in the richest prize in the sport, the Embassy Challenge. Club and Regional rounds are fished during the year, with the 80 finalists flown to Denmark to compete for the top £3,000 purse.

The Embassy All Stars basketball team, having achieved the Cup and League double in 1974/5, have once again qualified for Europe next season by taking the runners-up spot in the League, and reaching the Final of the National Cup.

In Rugby League, the Embassy Sevens will once again be held at Headingley on April 24, and the top hang gliding event of the year, the Embassy Hang Gliding Championships are at present being held in Yorkshire.

National and European rallycross completes the programme, with the Embassy British Rallycross Championships being held from June to November at six venues up and down the country. There is also Embassy sponsorship for the British round and the Final of the European Championships which will be held at Lydden Hill on September 11 and November 6.

Cyril Maidment writes...

WELCOME TO WIMBLEDON Stadium for a meeting we always enjoy staging. The Embassy Internationale is a highlight of any season and this year will be no exception although folks round here are still mourning the tragic death of Tommy Jansson eleven days ago.

Compiling the programme for the 1976 Internationale has not been easy and we were distressed to have Ole Olsen banned from competing by the Danish Motor Union. The matter was out of the hands of the BSPA, though representations were made to the DMU, but to no avail. Ole was the holder of the Internationale title and is the current world champion—so his absence is especially significant.

John Louis, Scott Autrey, Dag Lovaas also had to decline invitations for various reasons. But the 16-strong field is an attractive one and the man who wins this evening will be worthy of the title.

We also welcome the BBC here this evening and highlights of the 1976 Embassy Internationale will be shown on Grandstand this coming Saturday. It is quite a speedway week for the Beeb. On Wednesday they are covering the British Final at Coventry and highlights of that event will be screened later the same evening in Sportsnight. Alan Weeks is the man entrusted with the commentary and his association and affection for speedway goes back a long way.

We have another meeting at Wimbledon this week when the Dons entertain Leicester on Thursday, in a British League match. We lost at Blackbird Road last week and, naturally, will be hoping to extract some revenge this week.

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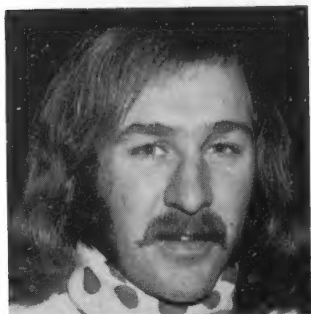


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MARTIN ASHBY

(Swindon)

b.2.5.44. Has a tremendous record of consistency over the years. Born in Marlborough, where he still lives. Martin has been riding motorcycles since he was seven. Made his first public appearance at Bristol in 1960—and crashed! Scored 11 points in the 1968 World Final, but surprisingly has not reached the last sixteen again. Rode for Swindon 1961-1967; Exeter 1968-1970 before rejoining Swindon in 1971. Has won a multitude of international and domestic honours.



2

CHRIS PUSEY

(Halifax)

b.28.3.50. Fiery hard-riding, hard-talking skipper of last winter's British Lions. Former top class grasstrack rider. 350cc champion in 1969. 500cc champion in 1969 and 1970. First rode at Belle Vue in 1967. Transferred to Halifax last season and he now skippers the Yorkshire side. Injuries have hampered his international career and a World Final appearance is still an unfulfilled ambition.

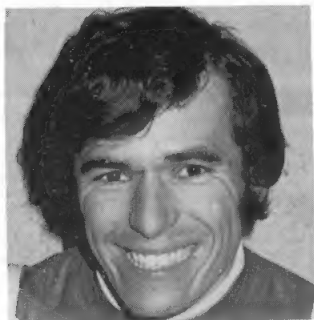


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BILLY SANDERS

(Ipswich)

b.9.9.55. Hit the headlines recently with his maximum 12 points in the WTC qualifying round at Ipswich. Stylish rider from Sydney who is a former amateur boxer. Joined Ipswich—his only British team—in 1972. A qualifier for the Inter-Continental Final at Wembley on June 26. Makes his Internationale debut this evening.



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DAVE JESSUP

(Reading)

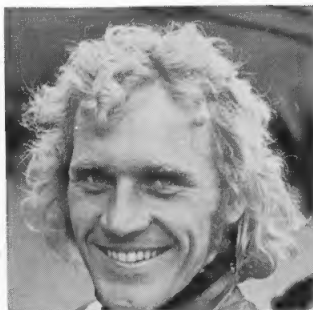
b.7.3.53. Signed for Reading this year for a £4,500 fee after being with Leicester from 1972. Eastbourne 1969-70, West Ham 1969, Wembley 70-71. First rode a speedway bike in 1968 and made public debut as soon as he was old enough. Reserve for Great Britain in the 1973 WTC, winners medals in 1974 and 1975. Second Division Riders' Champion in 1970. Current Spring Classic and Superama Champion.

TERRY BETTS

(Kings Lynn)

b.15.9.43. Popular English International from Essex. Long, distinguished British career. Reached the World Final for the first time in 1974. World Pairs Champion (with Ray Wilson) in 1972. Rode for Great Britain in the 1966, 1972 and 1973 World Team Cup Finals. Has been with King's Lynn since 1966 and earlier rode for Norwich in the old National League.

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CHRIS MORTON

(Belle Vue)

b.22.7.56. First rode after a meeting at Crewe in 1971 and made his public debut a year later aged just 16. Won the British Junior Championship in 1974 and the Peter Craven Memorial Trophy for the past two seasons. Also took the Golden Apple at Belle Vue this month. Superb grass track rider. Joined Belle Vue in 1973.

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PHIL CRUMP

(Newport)

b.9.2.52. Began riding at Mildura, his home town, in 1970. Rode for Crewe in 1971 and 1972, the year in which he won the Second Division Rider's Championship—also at Wimbledon. With King's Lynn 1971-73 but missed almost all the 1973 season through injury. Signed for Newport in 1974. Australian champion in 1975. Made his first World Final appearance at Wembley last year, scoring 10 points. Has already qualified for the Inter-Continental Final at Wembley on June 26.

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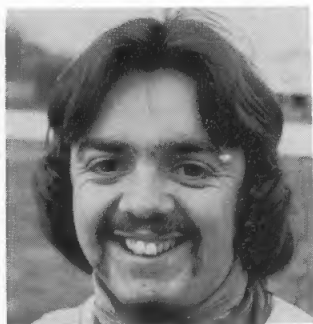


DAVE MORTON

(Hackney)

b.24.9.53. Had his first ride in a second half race at Belle Vue in 1970. Made his debut for Crewe the following season and rode for the Kings until joining Hackney in 1974. Like his younger brother Chris is making his Internationale debut this evening. As the track record holder at Crewe is adjudged the fastest speedway rider in Britain.

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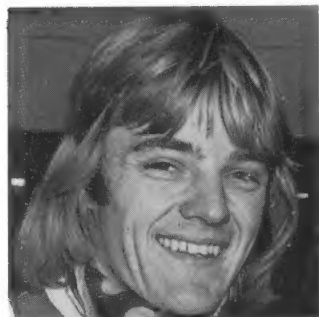


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IVAN MAUGER

(Exeter)

b.4.10.39. The most successful rider over the past decade—four times world speedway champion, twice world 1,000 metres champion, European Champion four times, British Champion 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, BLRC Champion 1971 and 1973. World Pairs Champion 1969 and 1970. Host of other honours. Has ridden in 20 countries. Awarded the MBE in 1976. Internationale winner for three successive years 1970, 71 and 72. Recently acquired sponsorship deal with Ricard and appears in their colours for the first time this evening.

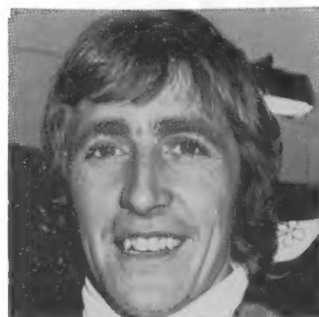


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JOHN DAVIS

(Reading)

b.10.11.54. Outstanding potential, A British Lion last winter. Official team debut for Poole when aged 16. Rode for Poole 71-72, Peterborough 71-73, before linking with Reading last season. His father, Harry Davis, is the Weymouth promoter. Destined for the highest honours.

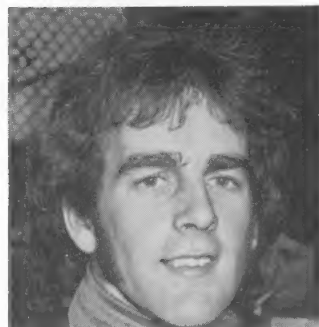


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MALCOLM SIMMONS

(Poole)

b.20.3.46. Highly talented motorcyclist who has enjoyed huge success in the speedway world over the past few seasons. Winner of the Spring Classic in 1974. Made his World Final debut last September, scoring 10 points. WTC winners medals in 1973, 74 and 75. Rode for Hackney 1963, West Ham 64-67, King's Lynn 68-74, Poole 1975.



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GORDON KENNETT

(White City)

b.2.9.53. Hails from Bromley in Kent. A Lions tourist last winter who has been in great form this year. Makes his Internationale bow tonight. One of three brothers currently racing and a former Kent Youth Motor Cycle club member. Rode for Eastbourne 1970-72, Oxford 72-74 and now the White City.

MICHAEL LEE

(King's Lynn)

b.11.12.58. Sensationally made his senior debut with Lynn last year aged only 16 years and staggered the speedway world with his mature and brilliant riding. Also rode for Boston in 1975. Rated the best discovery since Collins. This will be his first appearance in an Embassy Internationale.

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ZENON PLECH

(Hackney)

b.1.1.53. Joined Hackney in the British League last season and allowed to compete again this season. Burst on the international scene a few years ago but hasn't quite made the anticipated progress. Third in the 1973 World Final behind Ivan Mauger and fellow countryman Jerzy Szczakiel. Made his debut for Stal Gorzow when only 16. Poland's youngest ever World Finalist.

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JOHN BOULGER

(Cradley United)

b.18.6.45. Captained Australia to their sensational World Team Cup victory over England at Ipswich earlier this month. Also the current Australasian Champion after winning at Auckland in February. A plumber by trade who first rode at Broken Hill, N.S.W. in 1966. Won the Australian championship in 1971 and 1973. Rode for Long Eaton in 1967, Leicester 1968-73 and then Cradley United.

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PETER COLLINS

(Belle Vue)

b.23.4.54. Rapid rise to stardom after starting with Crewe in 1971. British League Riders' Champion in 1974 and 1975. European Champion in 1974. British Junior Champion 1973. Won the Internationale at Wimbledon in 1974. World Finalist in 1974 and 1975. Is the only rider to have scored three consecutive maximums in World Team Cup Finals—1973 (for Great Britain), 1974 and 1975 (for England). Has three times toured Australasia with the Lions.

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THE 1976

EMBASSY INTERNATIONALE

4 Laps Clutch Start
Points: 1st 3pts; 2nd 2pts; 3rd 1pt.

Referee: A. E. Humphrey
Timekeeper: Tony Hurran

No.	RIDER		1	2	3	4	5	Total
1.	Martin Ashby	Swindon and England	0	1	0	2	1	4
2.	Chris Pusey	Halifax and England	2	/	E	0	0	2
3.	Billy Sanders	Ipswich and Australia	1	/	0	1	1	3
4.	Dave Jessup	Reading and England	1	2	2	2	2	11
5.	Terry Betts	Kings Lynn and England	3	0	2	0	1	4
6.	Chris Morton	Belle Vue and England	2	3	2	3	3	13
7.	Phil Crump	Newport and Australia	3	2	E	3	2	10
8.	Dave Morton	Hackney and England	0	3	3	E	3	9
9.	Ivan Mauger	Exeter and New Zealand	1	3	2	E	1	7
10.	John Davis	Reading and England	/	2	0	2	0	4
11.	Malcolm Simmons	Poole and England	3	3	3	3	3	15
12.	Gordon Kennett	White City and England	2	0	1	0	/	4
13.	Michael Lee	Kings Lynn and England	3	2	3	1	2	11
14.	Zenon Plech	Hackney and Poland	0	1	1	1	0	3
15.	John Boulger	Cradley United and Australia	1	/	3	E	2	6
16.	Peter Hillins	Belle Vue and England	2	0	1	3	3	9
17.	M. COLLINS		0	2	0			
18.	P. THOMAS		1	1	0			

Heat No.	RIDER	Substitute or Remarks	Helmet Colour	Finishing Position	Points
62.3 Time	1 Martin Ashby	.....	Red	0	1
	2 Chris Pusey	.....	Blue	2	2
	3 Billy Sanders	.....	White	3	3
	4 Dave Jessup	.....	Y & B	4	4
62.3 Time	5 Terry Betts	.....	Red	3	5
	7 Phil Crump	.....	Blue	2	3
	8 Chris Morton	.....	White	2	2
	6 Dave Morton	.....	Y & B	2	2
62.3 Time	10 John Davis	.....	Red	1	1
	11 Malcolm Simmons	.....	Blue	2	2
	9 Ivan Mauger	.....	White	3	3
	12 Gordon Kenriett	.....	Y & B	4	4
62.4 Time	15 John Boulger	.....	Red	3	3
	14 Zenon Plech	.....	Blue	2	2
	16 Peter Collins	.....	White	1	1
	13 Michael Lee	.....	Y & B	1	1
62.5 Time	13 Michael Lee	.....	Red	2	2
	1 Martin Ashby	.....	Blue	3	3
	5 Terry Betts	.....	White	1	1
	9 Ivan Mauger	.....	Y & B	1	1
63.0 Time	14 Zenon Plech	.....	Red	1	1
	10 John Davis	.....	Blue	2	2
	2 Chris Pusey	.....	White	3	3
	6 Chris Morton	.....	Y & B	4	4

Heat No.	RIDER	Substitute or Remarks	Helmet Colour	Finishing Position	Points
7 62.7 Time	11 Malcolm Simmons 15 John Boulger 7 Phil Crump 3 Billy Sanders	CRASHED (E) CRASHED (E)	Red Blue White Y & B	1 1 2 2	3 3 2 2
8 63.2 Time	4 Dave Jessup 8 Dave Morton 12 Gordon Kennett 16 Peter Collins		Red Blue White Y & B	2 1 3 0	2 1 1 2
9 63.5 Time	6 Chris Morton 16 Peter Collins 1 Martin Ashby 11 Malcolm Simmons		Red Blue White Y & B	2 3 0 1	1 1 3 1
10 63.3 Time	12 Gordon Kennett 5 Terry Betts 15 John Boulger 2 Chris Pusey (E) BROKE THE ENGINE		Red Blue White Y & B	3 2 1 0	1 2 0 0
11 63.4 Time	8 Dave Morton 9 Ivan Mauger 3 Billy Sanders 14 Zenon Plech		Red Blue White Y & B	1 2 1 3	2 2 1 1
12 63.3 Time	13 Michael Lee 4 Dave Jessup 10 John Davis 7 Phil Crump BROKE THE ENGINE		Red Blue White Y & B	1 2 0 3	3 2 2 1

INTERVAL

13 64.2 Time	7 Phil Crump 12 Gordon Kennett 14 Zenon Plech 1 Martin Ashby	ENGINE (E) (E)	Red Blue White Y & B	1 3 2 2	3 1 1 2
14 63.2 Time	2 Chris Pusey 13 Michael Lee 8 Dave Morton BROKE THE ENGINE 11 Malcolm Simmons		Red Blue White Y & B	1 2 2 1	2 1 1 3
15 63.5 Time	16 Peter Collins 3 Billy Sanders 10 John Davis 5 Terry Betts		Red Blue White Y & B	1 2 2 1	2 1 2 2
16 64.1 Time	9 Ivan Mauger 6 Chris Morton 4 Dave Jessup 15 John Boulger	CRASHED (E) ENGINE (E)	Red Blue White Y & B	1 2 3 3	1 2 2 2
17 63.7 Time	1 Martin Ashby 8 Dave Morton 15 John Boulger 10 John Davis		Red Blue White Y & B	3 3 2 0	1 1 0 0
18 63.9 Time	9 Ivan Mauger 2 Chris Pusey 7 Phil Crump 16 Peter Collins	M (E)	Red Blue White Y & B	3 0 2 1	1 0 3 2
19	3 Billy Sanders 12 Gordon Kennett 13 Michael Lee 6 Chris Morton	B. TILLY	Red Blue White Y & B	3 2 1 1	1 2 1 1
20	5 Terry Betts 14 Zenon Plech 11 Malcolm Simmons 4 Dave Jessup		Red Blue White Y & B	3 1 1 2	1 1 2 2

IN
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CRASH

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE FOR FIRST PLACE:-

21		Red Blue White Y & B	
Time			

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE FOR SECOND OR THIRD PLACE:-

22		Red Blue White Y & B	
Time			

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1961	.. .. .	Ove Fundin
1962	.. .. .	Ove Fundin
1963	.. .. .	Ove Fundin
1964	.. .. .	Barry Briggs
1965	.. .. .	Charlie Monk
1966	.. .. .	Göte Nordin
1967	.. .. .	Göte Nordin
1968	.. .. .	Nigel Boocock
1969	.. .. .	Travör Hedge
1970	.. .. .	Ivan Mauger
1971	.. .. .	Ivan Mauger
1972	.. .. .	Ivan Mauger
1973	Ole Olsen
1974	Peter Collins
1975	Ole Olsen

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

TO THE WINNER

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**TO THE RUNNER-UP
SILVER MEDAL**

**TO THE SECOND RUNNER-UP
BRONZE MEDAL**

DAVE JESSUP

can he make it a hat-trick? asks GRAHAM BAKER of the Daily Mirror

DAVE JESSUP, now producing the most devastating form of his career, sets out tonight to complete a hat-trick of individual championships that could point the way to the world title.

Since joining Reading at the start of the season Jessup, one of the League's smallest riders, has been transformed from a competent international rider into a star with true World championship potential.

He has already lifted the Daily Express Spring Classic title here at Wimbledon and the Warner's Superame at Hackney this season.

Now Jessup plans to capture the Embassy Internationale as the ideal preparation for the British Final of the World Championship at Coventry on Wednesday.

He says: "I have never felt more confident about my speedway. The move from Leicester to Reading has made me keener and more interested.

"The Reading set-up couldn't be better. Everything is new and we have a good side. We are going full steam to give the fans what they want."

Jessup, who was in dispute with Leicester for so long, was given a great psychological boost when he replaced Sweden's former world champion Anders Michanek in the Reading team.

But his performances have also improved considerably this season now that he is using a Weslake four-valve machine.

He says: "I may be making excuses, but I never felt that I was competing on equal terms last year. I was handicapped from the start.

"But now that I am on a Weslake I know that it is all down to my own skill. That has given me a level of confidence that is vital in speedway.

"This is good. It helps me to keep going through the more difficult times. I believe in being confident without being big headed.

"There has always been some riders who will go shouting their mouths off to the newspapers. I prefer to let the others do the talking."

Jessup, unlike Belle Vue's Peter Collins, has not rocketed suddenly to the top. Although still only 23 his progress has been steadier and more methodical.

He has been around the scene for seven years riding for Eastbourne, West Ham and Wembley before joining Leicester in 1972.

In the same year he made his first England appearance against New Zealand and has been a regular international ever since.

But he points out: "I am not prepared to sacrifice my family life for riding in Australia in the winter. If I was single I would be off like a shot.

"But we use the winter as a holiday. I don't do anything. That way I'm longing for the season to start here.

"Now I want that world crown. It is really only about putting five races together on the night, isn't it?"

Sounds simple. Too simple. But watch Dave go tonight to prove that he could be there at the kill on World Final day at Poland in September.

1975 EMBASSY INTERNATIONALE

Ole Olsen	3	3	2	3	3	14
Phil Crump	2	3	3	2	3	13
Ray Wilson	2	3	3	1	3	12
Malcolm Simmons	3	2	2	3	2	12
Tommy Jansson	3	3	1	3	X	10
John Louis	1	2	3	3	0	9
Anders Michanek	2	0	2	0	3	7
Peter Collins	X	2	2	1	2	7
John Boulger	0	1	3	2	1	7
Ivan Mauger	1	1	1	2	2	7
Jim McMillan	1	2	1	0	1	5
Martin Ashby	2	0	1	1	1	5
Dag Lovaas	3	1	0	0	0	4
Barry Thomas	0	0	0	2	2	4
Terry Betts	0	1	0	0	1	2
Soren Sjosten	X	X	0	X	NS	0
Chris Pusey (res)	1	1	—	—	—	2
Bob Humphreys (res)	0	0	—	—	—	0





Anders Michanek, Ivan Mauger, Ole Olsen and Malcolm Simmons

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

TONIGHT'S COLUMN has not been written on behalf of the Committee as I cannot begin to assess their reaction to the news of Thursday, May 20.

That particular day I was working in North Wales and cursing at having to miss Wimbledon's match at Sheffield. I returned from North Wales the next morning and stopped for breakfast on the motorway, immediately buying a paper to see the result of the match.

In disbelief I stared at the score. Wimbledon had actually drawn at Sheffield of all places. Returning to my car I cheerfully threw the paper onto the front seat. Casually looking down I saw the small backpage headline "Speed Star killed in crash". Only half interested I expected to read of the death of a famous road racer or a racing car driver.

Stunned, flattened, sheer disbelief . . . no words can describe how I felt then and now. Wicked as it may seem I wondered if it was a misprint, maybe they meant Bengt Jansson or Tommy Johansson, then I realised no paper would make such a mistake. I don't know why it's hit me so hard. We were on first-name terms but I would hardly say we were friends. A brilliant rider beautiful to watch, so good looking he should have been a film star, so young with all his best years before him . . . such a damn nice fella, quiet, shy and unassuming.

I make no apologies for writing down my true feelings immediately I read the news.

Alan Graham (Secretary).

COVENTRY

(World Championship—British Final)

THIS WEDNESDAY

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